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Re: Certification of Support for Rural and Non-Rural High-Cost Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Sections 54.313-314, CC Docket No. 96-45 – SC PSC Dockets 2006-180-C, 2008-290-C, 2006-219-C, 2006-255-C, 2006-240-C, 2003-227-C, 2007-402-C

To the Filing Representatives:

The Public Service Commission of South Carolina hereby Certifies that all federal high cost support provided to rural and non-rural carriers in this state will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with Section 254(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. This includes High Cost Loop (HCL) support, Local Switching Support (LSS), High Cost Model (HCM) support, and high cost support received pursuant to the purchase of exchanges.

Attached are lists of rural, non-rural and competitive carriers certified by the South Carolina Public Service Commission pursuant to sections 54.313 and 54.314 of the FCC's rules (47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313, 54.314), which require states to establish an annual certification process for rural and non-rural carriers receiving federal high cost support. As requested by the Universal Service Administrative Company, listed beside each carrier is its assigned study area code (SAC), if known.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth B. Fleming
Chairman

Enclosures (3)

Enclosure 1

Rural Carriers Certified for Federal High Cost Support by South Carolina Public Service
Commission – September 24, 2009

| <u>Carrier</u> | <u>Study Area Code (SAC)</u> |
|---|------------------------------|
| Bluffton Telephone Company, Inc. | 240512 |
| Chesnee Telephone Company | 240515 |
| Chester Telephone Company | 240516 |
| Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. | 240520 |
| Fort Mill Telephone Company | 240521 |
| Hargray Telephone Company, Inc. | 240523 |
| Home Telephone Company, Inc. | 240527 |
| Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc. | 240528 |
| Lancaster Telephone Company | 240531 |
| Lockhart Telephone Company | 240532 |
| McClellanville Telephone Company | 240533 |
| Norway Telephone Company | 240535 |
| Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. | 240536 |
| Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. | 240538 |
| PBT Telecom, Inc. | 240539 |
| Ridgeway Telephone Company | 240541 |
| Rock Hill Telephone Company | 240542 |
| Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc. | 240546 |
| St. Stephen Telephone Company | 240544 |
| West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. | 240550 |
| Williston Telephone Company | 240551 |
| Windstream, South Carolina, Incorporated | 240517 |
| United Telephone Company of the Carolinas | 240506 |
| Verizon South, Incorporated d/b/a Verizon South Carolina | 240526 |

Enclosure 2

Non-Rural Carriers Certified for Federal High Cost Support by South Carolina Public Service
Commission – September 26, 2008

Carrier

Verizon South, Incorporated d/b/a Verizon
Carolina

Study Area Code (SAC)

240526

Enclosure 3

Competitive Carriers Certified for Federal High cost Support by South Carolina
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Carrier

FTC Communications, Inc.
Hargray Wireless, LLC
HTC Communications, LLC

Study Area Code (SAC)

249002
N/A
249004